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Next Generation Women
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Welcome to the Third Newsletter of the BizMiz Project

In this edition you will learn more about:

- Recent progress in the Project
- Third Transnational Partner Meeting
- The upcoming Transnational Training Event in Nicosia, Cyprus.

THE ROAD SO FAR...

The BizMiz consortium has already finished with the development of the English version of the two main project curricula, namely a bespoke online entrepreneurship curriculum designed specifically for women and a suite of media-rich resources to build digital and social media literacy to ensure the safety of the new online women entrepreneurs. The partnership is currently translating all resources to their national languages.

In addition to that, the partners are currently working on the development of an in-service training programme for front-line VET and adult education professionals to enable them to make full use of the aforementioned curricula, while the project's e-learning portal is constantly updated with new learning material. The e-learning portal is a virtual safe space where networks of women technology entrepreneurs can congregate; build key business skills; support each other; and exchange ideas and knowledge.



INTELLECTUAL OUTPUT 3: In-service Training

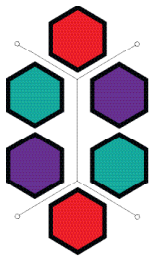
As the EU economy continues to evolve at a rapid pace tutors are increasingly expected to provide new trainings to meet emerging market needs however, in many cases appropriate in-service training is not provided. BizMiz proposes a comprehensive educational intervention where the needs of VET tutors as key multipliers are considered to be just as important as the needs of end users. The proposed in-service training supports VET tutors as to maximize the potential of the new curricula by introducing each of the modules that comprise each of the new curricula. The new curriculum resources will be media-rich and interactive, and the in-service training will familiarise the VET tutors with the new approaches required to effectively use and integrate the new resources into everyday activities.

INTELLECTUAL OUTPUT 4: E-learning Portal

The proposed e-learning portal will provide instant access to the full suite of learning resources developed and will support a wide range of innovative online courseware. It will incorporate a learner tracking mechanism to enable VET professionals monitor the progress of the next generation women technology entrepreneurs through the various curriculum modules provided. It will also support the delivery of the in-service training curriculum. It will be fully web 2.0 compliant and will include all the standard and expected social media features that are now an essential part of online learning. The e-learning portal will also host a library of women technology entrepreneur case studies that will serve as an active guidance resource to motivate nascent women entrepreneurs.

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THIRD TRANSNATIONAL PARTNER MEETING

The meeting started with a thorough update of project activities. Particularly, the partners discussed the finalization of the content for the Next Generation Women Technology Entrepreneurs Curriculum and the Digital & Social Media Literacy Curriculum. KAUNAS STP presented the value proposition for the In-service training and all partners agreed on its development approach and set a timeline for the development process. Finally, the partnership reviewed the e-learning portal's development, while BWC presented the case study template that will be included in the e-learning portal. It turned out to be a very productive meeting!



The third transnational partner meeting was held on the 29th of August 2019 in Kaunas, Lithuania.

WHATS NEXT?

Transnational Training Event in Nicosia, Cyprus
The partnership is getting ready for the project's transnational training event to be held in Nicosia, Cyprus between November 18th and 20th, 2019. The in-service training programme will comprise a total of 40 hours of learning. This will include a special 3-day, 21-hour training programme in the practical skills of working with young women in a supportive environment including awareness of gender issues and understanding of gender bias; developing facilitation skills for learners from different backgrounds and managing diverse groups; etc. The 21 hour face-to-face instruction which will be delivered at the transnational training event in Cyprus will be supplemented by a 4 hour workshop delivered in advance of the transnational training event and a further 15 hours training addressing the more pedagogic elements which will be provided as self-directed learning supported online through the e-learning portal.

The next meeting will take place in Aveiro, Portugal, where the partners will review the implementation of the in-service training now completed; plan the implementation of the new curricula; and plan for the Transnational Final Conference to be held in Northern Ireland.

WHO BIZMIZ IS...

The BIZMIZ Consortium consists of 8 partners Cyprus, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal and the United Kingdom.

- ▶ [Ballybeen Women's Centre \(Northern Ireland\)](#)
- ▶ [Synthesis \(Cyprus\)](#)
- ▶ [The Rural Hub \(Ireland\)](#)
- ▶ [Speha Fresia \(Italy\)](#)
- ▶ [Kaunas Science and Technology Park \(Lithuania\)](#)
- ▶ [Across Limits \(Malta\)](#)
- ▶ [CK Edukator \(Poland\)](#)
- ▶ [Aeva \(Portugal\)](#)

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